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City and Country Notes.

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"There's a hill to pay when a fellow goes but a sleighing," but expense appears to be the best thing in the minds of the sports who crowd the Brighton road in these days of snow and cold. Well, there is something thrilling in the speed of the sleigh-bell's jingle and the quickening of the pulse as the sharp air enlivens the blood to bound buoyantly through the veins while the gaily caparisoned cutter is whirled over the course. Rigs of all sizes and forms are seen, from the light cutter to the rough extemporized sledge for a vehicle and the lumbering pleasure barge with its string of horses and mucky party of young and old and grave and gay. A lively brush is a frequent episode when a clement track can be obtained, and horseless is as much a subject of criticism as in a summer trot at Beacon Park.

The new departure of Jordan, Marsh & Co. in providing neophytes and elegant hill in their emporium, where the girls in their employ can find recreation in leisure hours, is a grand movement for the amelioration of the condition of workers which may well be copied by others who have large numbers in their employ. The evening entertainments which take place there are of a high character, and much talent, both musical and dramatic, is being developed in the ranks of their operatives.

One of the sensations of the week is the "1881" edition of the *Globe*, full of imaginative allusions in the progress of improvement at that date. Preposterous as these allusions may appear, they are no more so than those of our day would appear to the men of 1781 and the apostrophe of the royal Dame, "There are more things in heaven and earth than are dreamt of in our philosophy" still continues to live force. One can but laugh, however, over the funny presentations of the doings of the men who are yet to live—the daring submarine pedestrian race from New York to Lisbon, Rowell passing his opponent because the latter was halted by a fight with sharks, and also having his arm injured by Rowell throwing a whale's tooth at him!—the removal of the Rocky Mountains to get a clear view of the Pacific from Denver; the whipping of Old England by a Patagonian native man-of-war; the Hoosac Tunnel being equipped as a refrigerator, there being no use for railroads, all transportation being in aerial machines; the immense stock operations of Pawn, Broker & Co. and Stock, Gambler & Co., whereby millions are made every minute—and the wealth of leading citizens, making Quincy, Francis Charles John Adams a four billioner, and General Daniel Pratt's heirs worth three billions; the flight of the city Treasurer, L. M. O. John Woodard, with \$5,000,000 in money; the bill before Congress abolishing the name of Smith; the new opportunities for philosophical study in Harvard College by adding 12 billion tables—a sharp hill college properties; the presentation of a portrait of Col. Herbert E. Hill, who is represented as having been in the Revolutionary war, that of 1812, the Mexican war and the Rebellion, *losing a leg in each*; the discovery of the North Pole by John Kelley, and admission of the Commonwealth of North-Pole to the Union, which has 800,000 inhabitants and is still spreading its dimensions over all lands; the execution in Illinois of our law which makes it a capital crime to try to borrow money; the Sunday School picnics excursions from Boston to Florida in the aerial barge Hope; Miss Wringle's triumph at the Central Theatre in her representation of the woes of a female baboon on the eve of being transformed into a woman—all these, and other ninth-convicting items of the century war have convulsed leading city men the past week, many of whom are the subject of this very sharp shooting.

The Vennerish weather which has prevailed since the New Year came in has produced a good degree of respect for the Canadian prophet, who has certainly hit it this time. 40 below zero in Vermont, snow blocks and unusually severe weather in Virginia and sleighing in Georgia are the wonders of the winter solstice. The cold weather is a bitter thing for the shivering poor who, through our large cities, but the hand of heaven is ever reaching out to them over the inclement season, one of these charities being the soup distribution at public expense, the applicants being many, and all worthy persons being supplied.

James Redpath, whose visit to Ireland has given him opportunity to speak by the card on the woes of that unhappy country, has lectured this week before the Land League Association. He said that "our great source of error on the part of Americans writers upon the present troubles is in their regarding Ireland as a unit, as if it had one system of laws and of land tenure throughout. There are three different systems, one obtaining in the northern and Protestant part of Ireland, and in the county of Ulster especially, where has grown up the 'Ulster system' of land-tenure. In the eastern part of Ireland the system of leasing prevails, and in the western part where the greatest amount of oppression exists, the tenants are all tenants at will. The Ulster system is the most liberal of any, and in main characteristics are there popularly known as the 'Three F's'."

These are, fifty of tenure, free sale, and fair rents. The two first the Ulster people have enjoyed down to the present time, but the third, "fair rents," they have lately been deprived of, and hence troubles now exist there as in other parts of Ireland.

Corporal punishment in schools has been debated by the Boston school committee, who resolve that "in the judgment of this board the use of corporal punishment in the public schools of this city can and ought to be greatly diminished; and that, while regard is to be had to the varying circumstances of schools, those teachers who resort to corporal punishment least frequently and only for grave offences will best satisfy the desires and expectations of this committee."

A singular circumstance which occurred in a much frequented store during the holiday rush has excited much comment and some temper. A lady looking at some lace-covered over them in such a way that one of the lacy fabrics became attached to a button of her garment and she walked to another part of the store without perceiving the attachment; but she was arrested by a detective, and the cause taken to court, when no one appeared against her, as this and more important towns to this and more important towns. For some twenty years he was engaged solely in the grocery business, and of late years has retired from his labors, to enjoy the rewards of his early industry.

Mr. and Mrs. Lane were, from the first, promoters of the Universalist church, and have ever been supporters and attendants upon its services. They have had four children—one son lost at sea, between California and Calcutta, and the late Cushing Lane, being those whose death have broken the family circle, while two children, Miss Anna and Webster Lane, survive, the latter residing in New York State, near the residence of the late Horace Greeley, where he has a flourishing farm.

The reception was of an informal character, the relatives having come to their home for a family reunion, and many neighbors calling to express their congratulations. At the reception on Sunday evening, their pastor, Rev. Anson Titus, took occasion, in appropriate words to publicly offer the congratulations of many friends. Among the company were Mr. and Mrs. Elias Richards, who were married in 1822, a period of 55 years. Letters were received from several who were unable to be present, and an appropriate poem, "An Epistle of Peter," was sent by a relative, Miss Emily S. Phelps, of Salem. Several elegant gifts were brought to this worthy couple who have journeyed life together these long years. The health of Mr. and Mrs. Lane is still good, and they bid fair to live yet many more years. Such is the hope of their many friends, present and absent, far and near. May they live to enjoy their diamond wedding.

A Review.

Last Sunday Rev. Mr. Titus, at the Universalist church, spoke in review of the text, "Thou crownest the year with thy goodness." He mentioned the year as being favorable to the land in every way. Prosperity has attended our manufacturers; gold is coming into the country at an unprecedented rate; immigration of an excellent class of citizens is making our western wild land to blossom as the rose; matters relative to the education of our ignorant classes are urged with greater zeal of late, for in this education lies the permanence of our institutions. The church has been prosperous during the year—Biblical scholarship and Christian zeal are attracting to the church an influence it has not had. The Universalist denomination has not been behind in adapting itself to the issues of the time. During the year several able men have passed to the labors beyond; notably so is the recent death of Dr. Chapin, whose words of truth, scholarship and eloquence have placed him at the head of the American pulpit, and his memory will be greatly revered. 1880 has been fruitful, and its blessings should lead us to grasp our present duties with greater zeal and faith.

Mr. W. E. Cushing and Daisy, the popular recitators of this place, read in the Unitarian Lecture Course, South Weymouth, Monday, Jan. 10th. If the reading is to be given the following Wednesday evening.

A Lecture.

For reduction of commutation rates for passengers on the South Shore Railroad, has been circulated in the cars this week, and received quite a number of signatures. Capt. Frank Pratt, who originated the petition, states that the rates are higher on this road than on the main line, and as a large number of conductors reside on the South Shore road they think the reduction to be worthy of consideration.

Calendar.

Elias Richards, Esq., agent of North American Insurance Co., of Philadelphia, has furnished us with an elegant calendar for 1881, issued by the company. It is richly ornamented, and is just the thing for office use.

A Brush.

Monday afternoon a number of our residents had a brush on the Arthur Cook's team brushed the crowd.

J. W. Armitage, Esq., Principal of Mount Pleasant Grammar School, was presented with a jackknife and album by his pupils, as a Christmas gift.

The Ladies' Aid Society.

Connected with the G. A. R. will meet to reorganize, at Engine Hall, Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 3 P. M. Soldiers' wives and all persons interested are requested to be present.

22.—Don't fail to secure some of the bargains in the new stock of Useful and Fancy Goods at VAUGHAN'S 5c. Store, and see the new stock of Useful and Fancy Goods.

Mr. W. G. Dizer's Concert.

Spoken of in a late issue of our paper, that one of his vessels has arrived, and he is now able to supply his customers. He expresses his thanks to Coll's Board for his timely assistance in sending out of the U. S. cutters to aid the frozen in shipping at Hyannis, and says that now the cold wave has passed oysters will be cheap.

The Holidays are past and gone, but the sleighing never was better than it is now, and at Quincy, during this week, the owners and drivers of fast horses had regular afternoon spurs. Arthur, with his favorite, says that he is able to keep in sight of all the slow coaches.

To better accommodate their large trade, Hunt & Co. have made some alterations at their place of business, and the walls and ceiling have been beautifully embellished by the artistic decorator, Mr. Samuel Goodwin, of Braintree, and now present a handsome appearance.

The police force report everything quiet and business dull.

The annual ball of S. F. E. Co., No. 1, on Friday evening last, was a grand success, the ball being got up regardless of expense; and the only thing the company regret is that the "complimentaries" in town were not represented, only the Engineers of this ward responding. They hope that next time all will respond, and although they are not a hand engine co., they are brethren of the town, and ready and willing to help one and all at any time.

Out in the cold.

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Weymouth Blasted Society.

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Mr. Joseph Pratt had a New Year's party last Saturday night.

The day before the accident at the East Weymouth station, the directors of the railroad had a meeting to decide whether the express train should stop at this depot in accordance with the wishes of some of the patrons of the road, and it was decided that it should not stop.

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FRIDAY, JAN. 14, 1881.

ALL AROUND THE HUB.
(PREPARED ESPECIALLY FOR THE GAZETTE.)

THE SLEIGHING.

The heavy rain storm of Monday literally dashed the hopes of the horse keepers, who had commenced to reap a good harvest of profits at a season when, unless we have snow, they have very little business. The storm was also a great disappointment to the owners of fast nags and fancy sleighs, who, however, improve the time while the sleighing lasts, and the Milbank road now presents every afternoon a scene such as can be witnessed at but few points to the country.

ON THE NECK.

But the fun and excitement on the Milbank is not equal to that which was witnessed thirty years ago, when "The Neck," from the Roxbury line to the present site of the Catholic cathedral was, every afternoon during the sleighing season, a regular race-course; and on Sunday the police, by order of the city marshal, placed a heavy chain across the Neck at Sutton street to put a stop to the racing; but when the crowd, all the way from "Wilson's Cattle Fair Hotel," in Brighton, came rushing down the street at a forty gait, the officers in charge of the chain got frightened and let it fall to the ground, allowing the racers to pass safely and without slackening their pace.

LOCAL TOPICS.

The Water Question.

The advocates of an abundant supply of pure water for this town, to be drawn from Great Pond, have a new and pertinent argument for the enterprise in the statement of a leading medical man that a positive cause of disease is found in the fact that mankind generally do not drink enough water.

If this opinion is to be sustained by further research, it is incumbent on every community that a plentiful supply of pure water should be provided as one means of warding off the attacks of innumerable ills which flesh is heir to. We have been cognizant of an increasing demand in the community for spring waters of the Poland and other varieties, bought in quantity by families who believe that in our more thickly settled localities the well water is largely impregnated with the impurities that gather wherever the population is comparatively dense, and as a remedy for this evil they use these spring waters entirely for drinking purposes.

In the alarming prevalence in some places of diseases which we doubtless have their origin in impure water as well as foul excretions, it would certainly be a wise measure, if the theory is correct, that we must drink much water to maintain health, to provide for this hydratious want in company with several gentlemen then present in the court room, and that his horse was trotting very much faster than six miles an hour.

The doctor listened attentively to the testimony, and in answer to an inquiry by the court what he had to say in denial of statements of the witnesses, remarked, with a twinkle in his eyes, that he could easily prove that every one of the witnesses had stated what was not true, adding, "I don't think they meant to perjure themselves, but if your honor will take a ride with me any afternoon, I will convince you that it is actually impossible that they have stated what is true."

The judge was puzzled; the crowd, who knew the doctor was an incorrigible wag, were prepared for fun, and finally his honor, who was an intimate acquaintance of the doctor, said,

"Will the prisoner please state to the court how he proposes to do that?"

"Certainly, with pleasure. I am charged with trotting my horse faster than six miles an hour. Your honor, I own but one horse; I drove him yesterday afternoon; I led the crowd from Brighton to the railroad bridge on Washington street, and yet I claim that I am not guilty under the law or under this indictment, for, may it please your honor, my horse is a pacer and never trotted a mile since he was foaled."

It is needless to add that the doctor was not called upon to play a line.

UNIQUE SHIPMENTS.

The recent very severe weather was a big thing for dealers in sheets, creating a demand from places where those articles are seldom seen. One of the Baltimore dealers, about two weeks ago, had board a dozen or fifteen sleighs, some of them quite costly.

One gentleman residing at Norfolk was so anxious to secure at least one sleigh-like that he telegraphed three times in one day not to fail to send him a sleigh by the next steamer. Lord Timothy Dexter was considered a fool for shipping warm-up-gear to the West Indies, but they were found to be just the things to use on sugar plantations, for a fortune. We doubt if shipments of sleighs to the south, even though they have had some inches of snow there, will turn out as prolific as Lord Timothy's warming-pans.

A SINGULAR WAGER.

One of the strongest and at the same time most uninteresting wagers on record was made in this city some time ago. One merchant was boasting to a friend that he had in his store the laziest boy in Boston. The other offered to let that his boy—who by the way was his own son—could beat him in being lazy. The wager was accepted and the stakes were placed in the hands of a mutual friend.

Resolved, That one need of the temperance cause is the union in effect of all persons who in any degree are interested in temperance work.

Resolved, That in view of the disastrous results of moderate drinking, temperance effort, to be effective, must be on the basis of total abstinence.

Resolved, That the temperance cause demands personal effort on the part of the friends of temperance with those supposed to drink intoxicants.

Accidents.

By request of many parents, as well as of children who have already given in their names, Mr. Wright will commence another singing school in this place, and will meet those interested, at the Mount Pleasant Schoolhouse, on Monday next, at 4 o'clock P. M., (directly after the close of school), and at 7:30 o'clock in the evening. This call for another school proceeds from a reorganization of the public of the merits of the system applied in instruction, of which Mr. Wright is the originator.

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The January thaw is upon us, and sleighing will probably soon be a departed joy.

rope. The gentleman then went to the store of merchant number two, who ordered his boy to get up an empty barrel from the cellar. He called on another boy to go down and hitch the barrel on, then sat down on the floor and grasped the fall rope. His father had won the wager; that boy was too lazy to go for a chair.

BOSTON'S GROWTH.

Some writers for the press are continually endeavoring to demonstrate that Boston is failing behind other American cities. We do not care to go into comparisons, but if any one will take the pains to look into the facts, he will find that our city is not only "holding its own," but is every day growing. A few years ago we had one steamer sailing from here fortnightly for England; now we have several leaving every week. The facilities of the railroads terminating here are many times greater than they were even ten years ago; and Boston is giving New York a pretty hard tug in the shipments of grain and other products from the west. There is scarcely a branch of business here which has not shown a marked increase within a few years, and despite her eighty to one hundred hundred millions in the great fire, the metropolis of New England does not pay second fiddle to any one. In some respects we do not and never shall compare with other cities in mere display, but the race of merchant princes, the solid men of Boston, is not dying out. With new stores and new dwellings rising every day, with hotels multiplying and constantly full; with the credit of our merchants and manufacturers unsurpassed by those of any other city in our country, we may well say to the brokers who pretend that our growth has stopped, "You are a hundred years behind the age."

AN AMUSING INCIDENT.

There was a very amusing incident connected with that racing on the Neck which we remember and must relate. The city marshal, defeated in his effort to put a stop to the fast driving by throwing a chain across the street, determined to effect the arrest of the principal offenders, most of whom were fast young men in every sense of the term, and as well known as the dome on the State House, and on Monday morning some eight or ten of them appeared before the judge of the Municipal court, to answer to indictments charging them with "trotting their horses faster than six miles an hour," which was as fast as the law allowed. There appeared to be no hope that either of them could escape the penalty of a fine, and let us add, not a guilty, and in his case witnesses were examined, all of whom swore that they knew the doctor well, as they saw him driving on the Neck the afternoon before in company with several gentlemen then present in the court room, and that his horse was trotting very much faster than six miles an hour.

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Miss Florence Hathaway gave C. A. White's favorite ballad "Beyond the Clouds," in a manner that elicited applause. A piano duet, Military Galop, was performed by Misses Anna and Sparrell very nicely, the delicate staccato passages in the treble clef being executed with most excellent wrist action and the double parts coming in together very precisely.

Other songs and choruses were finely given, and Misses Lizzie Pratt, Helen Allen, Alice Keenan, Annie Souther, Mary Keenan, Sarah Ryau, Mary Whiting, and many others, well sustained their parts. Then an original recitation, throwing sharp arrows at thongs here, was quite artlessly spoken by Miss Eva White, and the audience responded with a will. A pretty idea was given expression to when Fanny Chapman recited the piano, "Mercedes," was announced to be played by piano, and hummed by the chorus. The motive of this piece is a very sad and affecting little air, and this was hummed softly while the pianist trilled and rippled all sorts of variations to enhance the effect.

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NOTHING NEW.

New kinds of business are constantly being established to furnish employment to the forever increasing population of our cities, and Boston is always forward in seizing upon and carrying out enterprises which promise to be beneficial. We recently visited the scene of one of these industries, comparatively new in this section—though in some respects almost as old as the human race—the Boston Terra Cotta Co.'s factory at No. 394 Federal Street.

The products of the Boston Terra Cotta Co. are neither rough and coarse like ordinary building bricks, nor surface like China or porcelain, but they are very elegant and artistic and well worthy of examination, consisting of a host of designs for the ornamentation of buildings, exterior and interior capitals, cornices, mantelpieces, door and window trimmings, vases, urns, flower-pots, statuettes, etc. We were surprised to see what elegant results, rivaling the finest chiseling in marble, are obtained from the cooed earth; and the ware—if such it may be termed, is becoming very fashionable and in demand.

The company are now executing an order for 5000 ornamental tiles for a building in course of erection for a school at Garden City, Long Island, by the widow of the late A. T. Stewart.

The business is steadily increasing, and we recommend our readers who are interested in building or architecture to visit the company's factory, where Mr. James Taylor, the gentlemanly superintendent, will take pleasure in showing what is being made of terra cotta.

A GREAT IMPROVEMENT.

The widening of South street will, when the work is completed (as possibly it may be during the present century) be one of the greatest improvements Boston has made. The travel through the street from early morning until late in the evening, is immense, and blockades of teams have been frequent at all hours. People who travel daily over the Old Colony road will be delighted to see the widening completed and the building upon that street finished, as on one side or the other the sidewalks have been in a state of blockade most of the time for years past. It is to be hoped that all of the new space will not be devoted to the roadway; for the sidewalks are very much too narrow, as every one experiences who has occasion to walk to or from the Old Colony depot.

CONTINUATION OF THE COMMON.

The boys have had an unusual amount of that fun thus far this winter. It is a recognized right, an unwritten law that while there is snow on the ground the boys shall coast upon the paths from Beacon street to Tremont street without being disturbed, and pedestrians walk upon these paths at such a time as their own risk, which, by the way, is no slight one. To lessen that risk, however, the city fathers—or someone else—have had bridges erected at some points where there is much crossing. There have been some severe accidents on the Common this winter caused by "double runners." They are dangerous things, but young America is jealous of its rights, and he would be a bold man who should say that the boys of Boston may not break their own limbs and those of other people, if they enjoy the sport.

NOTRE DAME AND ALBANY ROAD.

The new depot for the Boston and Albany Railroad Co. on Kneeland St. is approaching completion on the outside, at least; the finishing touches inside will not be all done probably for some months. When the building shall be ready the nuisance of the cars crossing Kneeland street will be abolished—a nuisance which would never have been submitted to for a single year in any other country, nor in any other city. The site of the present depot on Kneeland, Albany, Leach and Lincoln streets, would be an excellent one for a hotel. Probably it will be found necessary to widen Kneeland street between Lincoln and South streets, and then doubtless there will be new buildings erected there more appropriate to the locality, where now situated the depots of two of the largest railroad companies in our state.

THE OLD SOUTH.

When a Boston correspondent is hard up for something to write, the venerable editor at the corner of Milk and Washington streets comes at once to his mind. Like the subject of the weather in conversation, the Old South is a never failing topic, though we cannot think it is any way a very agreeable one. Among our class it is considered almost high treason to even think of the possibility of its being torn down, while a very large number of plain-spoken people, and the number is daily increasing, don't hesitate to express the opinion that the church is not and never will be any ornament, that it is a forlorn, dismasted sailing place, that it will grow more so, as there is no prospect of a fund to keep it in repair, and that Boston would not have met its

most serious loss had the great fire extended across Milk street at the junction of Washington street. We prophesy that the money to pay for the preservation will never be raised, and also that the building will before many years be taken down and the land sold to parties who will make it of a value which it has not now.

HOME POWER AND STEAM.

We frequently hear people residing in the city commiserating their friends who reside a few miles out from Boston, being tied to a railroad, as they term it. The fact is, however, that the out-of-towners are the fortunate ones. It takes actually a longer time to ride in a horse-car from the South or West end of Boston to State street, than it does to go to the Old Colony road to Weymouth.

Then consider the difference in comfort. In winter the steamer cars are well warmed, in summer they are fairly cool, and one has a good, comfortable seat, almost always. The horse-cars are cold in winter, hot in summer, and two-thirds of the time very uncomfortably crowded. They are better, not so conveyance, but do not compare favorably in any way with the steamers, which on all the principal roads are neat, airy, roomy and enjoyable. We don't think our friends in the towns around Boston can complain of the facilities afforded them for reaching the Hub.

LOCAL TOPICS.

Annual Meeting.

At the annual meeting of the Union Religious Society of Weymouth, and Braintree held on Tuesday evening, A. J. Richards, Esq., Moderator, the following officers were elected: A. J. Richards, John Crane, C. C. Webster, Assessors; T. C. Crane, Clerk; J. J. Loun, Treasurer; Gilbert Nash, A. J. Richards, Auditors; Gilbert Nash, C. T. Crane and J. J. Louis, Committees on contributions.

The Directors of Mechanics Temple Hall Association met at the time of the manufacture of J. H. Clapp & Co. yesterday. The shop hands went to the rescue and under their efficient management the team was helped out of its predicament.

Weymouth Landing now has three dry thread stitchers in great demand.

W. H. Bond has opened a market on Tremont St., Boston.

S. W. & E. Nash are turning out 25 cases a day.

Mumps and measles are prevalent.—Miss Lewis, one of the school teachers, is sick with the measles.

The "Raft Club," occupying a room over Crane's store, have removed to the basement of C. S. Williams' store.

Last Saturday evening about twenty young ladies and gentlemen enjoyed a sleigh ride to Holbrook, Bonke conveying them.

Henry Louis has rented the house formerly occupied by A. W. Taylor, who has removed to Rockland.

A. W. Clapp & Co. are rushing business at their factory. The new well being dug there will do away with carting of water.

Mr. O. A. Peabody, our genial harness-maker, seems to satisfy his customers in that line of business, and generally receives a second call. A first class double harness for Wiliam Louis, South Weymouth, and one for Henry L. Thayer, at the Landing, are in process of manufacture at his establishment.

Misses Emma and Helen Allen, daughters of Mr. Orace Allen, gave a party at their residence in East Braintree last Wednesday evening. A number of the Landing juveniles were present and reported a splendid time and excellent viands.

William's Hall was crowded last evening at the service conducted by Mrs. Samuel Curtis, auctioneer, the property being purchased by Mr. Adoram Clapp for \$3,050. We learn that Mr. Clapp is contemplating the removal of the store portion, fronting on the street, to Broad street, which will give space for a front yard and much improve the appearance of the estate.

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Rev. A. Nordin was made the recipient of a delightful surprise last Wednesday, it being his birthday, by the visit of a number of friends from Boston, who at Mrs. Nordin's invitation, came out to spend a pleasant evening.

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Mason Meeting.

Another of the very interesting meetings of the Norfolk and Pilgrim Branches of the Woman's Board of Missions was held in the Union Church of Weymouth and Braintree in the forenoon and afternoon of Tuesday last, Jan. 18th, and it was a cause of great joy to all present that the beloved President, Mrs. F. P. Chapin, of North Weymouth, could be in her wonted place again. The first half hour of the morning session was given to prayer and singing, followed by an address from Mrs. Bird, who has been twenty years in Syria, and the sweet face of this dear missionary, as she sketched the contrast of the fifty years ago, when her husband's father first went to that heathen land, and the present, was very pleasant to look upon, while her words made thanksgiving in our hearts that God has blessed the labors of her servants who had faithfully obeyed our Lord's last command.

Letters from Miss Morris, in South Africa, gave us a peep into the kraft, where in smoke and grime lies and a worse immoral influence, grew up there, and afterwards moved to Neponset, and so to Henry T. Bicknell all their machinery, stock and everything belonging to the manufacturer, including an engine, furnace, &c. Mr. Bicknell had all the property moved to his factory in Old Spain, and the Crystal is to be made there. The engine is to be used to run his machinery in the shoe department, and so the mill that grinds the preparation for making the Crystal. One of the Ford brothers is to be employed by Mr. Bicknell in making the compound and putting it up for market. This preparation is having an extensive sale all through the country, and is superior to any for washing purposes. Mr. B. in

list of letters.

Remaining in the Weymouth Post Office Jan'y 21st.—Philip Atwood, John Bower, J. H. Baker, N. S. Brooks, Daniel Cormier, Mrs. C. W. Eaton, Mrs. George Fisher, Mrs. Jno. Keene, Mr. Charles Peets, Jerry Russel, A. W. Raymond, Miss Mary C. Simes, Mr. H. W. Sinclair, Mr. Edwin Tukey.

Concert.

Among the artists announced for a grand concert in the Unitarian Church, Harrison Square, next Tuesday evening, we find the names of Mrs. T. P. Lovell, who made so good an impression as a vocalist of the late concert in East Weymouth, and Mr. J. Frank Porter, Weymouth's popular basso.

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NORTH WEYMOUTH.—(Continued.)

Fire in the Athens Schoolhouse.

About 11 o'clock Tuesday forenoon fire was discovered in the basement of the Athens schoolhouse, the smoke pouring up through the register into the primary schoolroom, where Miss Thayer is teacher, and when she noticed the scholars in the adjoining room they at once rushed out of the building without giving any particular alarm. The attention of Mr. Humphrey, teacher of the Grammar school, was attracted by the noise of the scholars of the lower schools passing out into the yard, and he started to go down stairs, when he was informed that the building was on fire, and with a commendable presence of mind he told his school to keep quiet, thus avoiding a panic. He then hurried down to the basement, and found the fire to be in the floor timbers over the furnace. Mr. H. then ran up stairs, and procuring two pails of water took them to the basement and endeavored to quench the flames, but as a further supply of water could not be obtained from the well in the yard, his effort was unsuccessful, though he states that if he could have obtained a little more water he could have quenched the fire.

By this time the scholars were running in every direction, giving the alarm, and Mr. H. A. Miller, foreman in one of the rooms in Warren Dyer's factory, noticing that the schoolhouse was on fire, ran to the engine house and making his way through a window unlatched the doors.

The church bell was rung, and soon the whole village was aroused and hastened to the spot, mothers looking anxiously for their children, fearing that some of the scholars might be in peril. Engineers French and Newton were soon on the ground and proved themselves to be amply qualified to meet the emergency. The engine was taken to the reservoir at the corner of Sea and Athens street, and Capt. Barnes and F. A. Bicknell then took a position on top of the machine and called upon the men present to man the brakes, which call was promptly responded to, as all could see the necessity of prompt action, and there was no time to lose. It was difficult to ascertain the extent of the fire, and there was danger of the flames working up between the ceiling and the floor above, but by the united efforts and prompt exertions of the officers and all who rendered assistance, the fire was extinguished in a very short time.

The fire originated from the furnace becoming overheated, although Mr. Lougee, who has charge of the house, was there one hour before the fire and says he left the furnace all right, but a moderate heat when he left it.

The registers were all closed at the time, and the heat remained in the furnace, which probably produced a degree of temperature that hastened the combustion of the timber, though the fire was left all right by the janitor. The teacher states that an odor of scorched wood has often come from the registers, the floor timber running directly over and close proximity to the top of the furnace being the cause of the odor.

Mr. Bicknell, who put up the furnace, states that the wood furnace over the furnace was situated with the heating apparatus in the building, and thus made safe for the heating, and thus made safe for the heating.

The following are the donations, for which thanks were voted by the Society:

An Old Bible, belonging to one of the families of Weymouth, from Charles A. Lloyd, South

From Quincy L. Reed, South Weymouth; An

Oration by J. A. Galvin, at Abington, July 1st.

From Rev. Josiah Bent, Jr., of Weymouth, July 1st.

From Wm. Lapham, Augusta, Maine; Report of Electric Returns, &c., Maine, 1879, bound

From David Wilson, South Attleboro; Gene-

alogy of the Dyer Family; Bound vol.

Catalogue of Hon. Wm. Green's Library, Rich-

mond, Virginia.

From City of Boston; 2d vol. of the Boston

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"A Fair Barbarian," the story of a piquant American girl in England, by Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett, begins in this number with a twenty-

two page instalment, and will run through three issues. "Peter the Great," Eugene Schuyler's historical work, will be finished in October.

Geo. W. Cable, author of the "Grannissimes," will furnish another novella, and afterward Boyesen's Queen Titania will be published.

In the same ratio that Scribner's is prospering, ST. NICHOLAS, the famous magazine for boys and girls, issued by the same publishers, is growing apace. About 100,000 copies of the Christmas number were sold, while the January number has been for some time out of print. In the February issue there is a full account of the Obelisk, richly illustrated from sketches and photographs showing the great monolith in all stages of moving. The Midwinter Scribner will be ready Jan. 20th and St. Nicholas five days later.

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"My friend, what is your trade?"

"A carpenter."

"And who makes your tools?"

"The blacksmith," replied the carpenter.

Another Solomon said—

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"A Mason."

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A third stated that he was a stone-cutter, and that the blacksmith also made his tools. The fourth man that King Solomon addressed was the blacksmith himself. "And what is your trade, my good man?"

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CANNED GOODS.

There is scarcely a branch of business that has increased more within the past few years than that of canning articles of food, and few people not engaged in the trade have any idea of the extent of the business or of the great variety of articles that are now put up in cans. We are not prepared to say when or where the plan originated of preserving articles by the process of hermetically sealing them, but we presume it originated in France, from which country, as long ago as we can remember, we received the "little fishes boiled in oil" known as sardines. The French were also, we think, the first people to put up vegetables in tin cans, but it is a few years ago that the luxury of summer vegetables in winter could be enjoyed only at the fashionable and consequently high priced hotels. But the universal yinkee, who is quick to copy as he is to originate, soon saw that the business could be extended almost without limit, and from Maine to California thousands of people are employed in preserving for food our constantly increasing population what would otherwise be spoiled.

Fruits of all kinds, all descriptions of vegetables, meats, fish and fowl, are now put up in tin, and many of them are actually better from the cans than the same goods are usually found in their season in our market. This remark will apply more particularly to vegetables, as those are selected for canning with great care, and we have eaten corn, peas and tomatoes from cans which were really as good, if not superior to any we could obtain in summer fresh from the garden.

Articles are preserved, also, which, common where they are canned, are rarities in other places. New England sends to the interior plains, clam chowder, fish chowder, fresh mackerel, salmon and lobsters, which retain their flavor in a remarkable degree. Baltimore packs thousands of gallons of oysters, which are sent all over the country and are found to be on the cans, nearly as fine as those just taken from the shell. California sends to the east immense quantities of her delicious fruits, and in distant lands the people eat roast beef, mutton, turkey, chicken, etc., and indulge in soups that are put up in Boston.

Immense quantities of apples, which would otherwise be allowed to rot, are now canned and shipped to Europe, and this new business, or rather this great increase of business not altogether new, comes, like other discoveries and improvements, at a time when, as it seems, the human race could hardly subsist without this means of preserving food; for there is scarcely a perishable article of food which is not canned either for home consumption or for export, and a full assortment of canned goods is quite a curiosity to one not familiar with the trade.

We may add that though the canning of salmon was commenced at the east, the western coast now furnishes the most of the supply, and the readers of the GAZETTE may have in January their salmon and green peas—the salmon from the Oregon or the Columbia river, or even from off Alaska, and the peas from the south-eastern coast of our country.

—SERVANT-GAL-183.

The Boston Traveller has been stirring up the matter of employment for women, and it now advocates that our American girls should accept domestic, that is, house service, claiming that house servants are fully as much respected as are girls who work in stores. We could agree with this idea were it not for the fact that some women look upon a servant as a thing, not exactly a slave, but something meaner than a slave. We have not the time this week to do justice to this subject, but it is one which can stand a good deal of plain talk. Mistress and maid should be friends and allies, but as society is now organized the mistress, because she pays wages, looks down upon the maid, who is compelled to accept them, and the equality which should exist between allies is lost. We shall give this matter another touch hereafter.

SLASHES AT ASHES.

It seems almost like "Carrying coals to Newcastle" to add a word to the "coal ashes" literature of this period, but the question has assumed such handsome proportions that we may be excused for discussing it. It appears that the "coal ash" man has become ubiquitous, and his tribe increases every day that the winter is prolonged. In fact he has resolved himself into a class, and speech of consolidation (not ashes) Henry Jaques Jr. says, that a class in any particular undertaking accomplishes the best work.

He says further, "There is the benefit of discussion, there is more spontaneously and emulation." There—in that last word—we have it in a nut-shell. Emulation is good in every enterprise, but in this coal-ash business it is more than excellent.

At each turn in the highway we see evidences of the simulative spirit; dumping coal ashes has got to be an art, and we speak of it with respect which artful things arrogate. Every advantage is taken of geological geography, and a little hillock is the place most admired for a pile of coal, which may be measured in feet, will blow, blow, blow, upon a level with the eyes of the public, and possibly enter them. Then again, if the landscape is to be disfigured, charcoal sketches will be severely pronounced.

unusual whiteness. This is art, and contrast. Also the emulative genius is seen in the symmetrical pyramids that rise so prudently beneath the sky-line, when a spirit is contemplated.

Pat literary effort in this direction has given one or two the idea that the public does not like ash heaps in the middle of the road. We don't pretend to take that view of the matter at all. Why, that is just the wrong way to argue with this emulative class.

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LOCAL TOPICS.

The Sabbath Question.

At a late meeting in Washington a number of the representative men of the country made addresses on the subject of Sabbath observance, or "the right of the people to the Sunday rest." Hon. W. Strong, of the Supreme Court. See it. W. Thompson and Hon. John Randolph Tucker, M. C., effectively urged a due regard for the day as an imperative necessity in the preservation of our national life. This subject was the topic of a discourse delivered in the Weymouth Baptist church last Sunday by Rev. Dr. A. Nordell, and a brief extract from the address will be found interesting, as it was in sympathy with the efforts now being made by eminent public men to protect this country against the Sunday customs of European nations, especially where every-day work is continued through the seven days, threatening exhaustion of the workingmen's mental, moral and physical vitality, and reducing him to the condition of a beast of burden.

"Time was in the remembrance of some even who are here today, when attention on the Sabbath services was the almost invariable custom on the part of every family in town. Alas, how the times have changed. We can now go through our houses and find, instead, a general disposition to stay away; to go anywhere on the Sabbath rather than to the house of God. How shall we account for this? Was it because then the church formed the centre of the social life of the community? Was it because amusements and excitements of all kinds were not so common then as they are now? or was it not rather because the religious tone of the community was really deeper then than now?

Against all these and other tendencies which I have not mentioned, such as the yearly influx of a large immigration from Europe, which seeks to transplant the European Sabbath to American soil; against all these tendencies we must not only lift up our voice and let it ring out sharp and clear, but we must also by our own example, stem so far as we can this tide of irreligion and Sabbath desecration."

In the course of his remarks the speaker alluded to a wide-spread affliction in which all classes share, and which is humorously known as "Sunday Sickness." "This remarkable disease, though very common, is not found described in ordinary medical works, and therefore all the more gratefully I avail myself of an opportunity to lay before you a diagnosis furnished by an old physician many years ago. From this description it is possible that some of you may recognize the disease.

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EAST WEYMOUTH.

Accidents.

Mr. Patrick Conners, an employee of the Weymouth Iron Co., who a short time ago lost one of his arms while in the discharge of his duties, had the misfortune of falling down some steps at one of the entrances to the foundry, last Tuesday morning, breaking three of his ribs.

Dr. Fraser attended him, and he is now in a comfortable condition. He has the sympathy of the community in this second misfortune.

Frank Emery, in the employ of Mr. Samuel Denton at M. C. Dizer & Sons factory, caught one of his fingers in a skiving machine, last Saturday, mutilating it considerably.

The Plymouth express passenger train which has been stopped here lately for passengers for Boston, is being well patronized by the business men of the village.

Mr. Geo. W. Young conveyed a large party of persons to the masquerade ball at Fort Hill, Hingham, last Wednesday evening.

The number of mechanics of both sexes seen on Broad street during the noon hour is so great that a stranger (from Scituate) might be pardoned for inquiring if this was a city. Nevertheless, it would be folly for us as a people to think of rideling ourselves by applying for a city charter. No, it is no use, the idea is little in the advance of the march of progress.

Mr. Florio II. Torrey returned last Tuesday from a visit to her home in Scituate.

The night of the concert comes on space, and the indications are that it will be a success. A little of the programming is known. Mr. Winslow will sing "The Message" by Blumenthal, and the famous "Erl King." There will be a duet by Mr. Winslow and Mrs. Allen, and a trio, "Feed them on this mossy pillow," by Mr. Winslow, Mrs. Allen and Miss Nolan. The male quartette will sing the "Vintage Song," by Mendelssohn, "Aesop," and "Three Chafers." Miss Sherman will perform the "First Concerto" by Dr. Beriot, and a selected piece. This is but a part of the program.

Persons in the lower part of the town will have a conveyance call for them, if they will speak to H. K. Cushing, of East Weymouth, and Henry L. Thayer, at the Landing.

Contractor Vinal has remodeled the offices of Messrs. C. H. Pratt & Son.

Tubes connecting with the different departments have been placed in the office, greatly facilitating the work. The finishing touches were done by the brush of painter Oliver Burrell.

Miss Clara Carter, of Weymouth, is visiting friends in this village.

Master Webster Pratt, son of Mr. Geo. W. Pratt, received a surprise visit from his young friends last Tuesday evening, to visit their Boston brethren.

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Pilgrim Lodge No. 485, K. of H., are making preparations to celebrate their fourth anniversary on the evening of Feb. 22d.

The tramp appeared to be making a mathematical calculation of the distance from his position to the door, and wiping the butter from his coat cuff into his eyes, he assumed a mournful expression of the profoundest despondency, as though the coming disappointment of the grocer would tend to crush him to the earth, and edging toward the door, he sadly replied,

"Well, bring on your man, and I'll give you twenty-five dollars of the hooch."

"I did say that the man would give a hundred dollars if he could get the tramp to stay with him, and secure his services."

Waving his greasy hand the tramp slid through the entrance, while the priest descended from her elevated position of security, and the grocer retired to his counting-room, taking a lace-cut cigar along with him as a sedative.

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